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To the professional men and women of the Cincinnati Police Department:

It has been one of the greatest honors of my professional career to serve you as Police Chief over the past two years, and it is with utmost gratitude that I thank you all for your service during my tenure here.

I am truly humbled by the successes we have enjoyed, which is a reflection upon all the men and women of the Cincinnati Police Department.


Much has been accomplished in the manner of service delivery, community partnership, crime control, and a change of culture from within. None of this could have been achieved without the measure of support, encouragement and enthusiasm of you all.

It is with pride and assurance I can say the Cincinnati Police Department is a true model agency.

I have made no secret over the past couple of months that I have been considered as a candidate for the position of Chief of Police for my hometown of Detroit – a place I began my law enforcement career. It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing my intention to return home to Detroit. I know you all will respect my choice to be near family and to fulfill my dream of being able to give back to the city which never left me.

As we all move on, my hope is that you all continue to serve this agency with a continued spirit of pride and kinship; and that you share with one another and our communities the same degree of support and enthusiasm you have given me.

Fraternally yours,



James E. Craig
Chief of Police